**2020 Salmon Season Setting**

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2020 Puget Sound Salmon Forecasts: Sockeye, Chum, and Pink

**Sockeye:**

Lake Washington and Baker Lake had poor sockeye returns in 2019. An estimated 21,166 sockeye are forecasted for Lake Washington, an 80 percent decrease from the 10-year average. Poor returns are also expected for Baker Lake with the 2020 forecast 50-60 percent below the 10 year average.

**Chum:**

Preliminary estimates suggest that 2019 returns of chum salmon were the lowest since 2009. About 309,000 fall chum are expected to return to central and south Puget Sound and fisheries managers estimate 472,000 will return to Hood Canal. This is a 48 percent decrease in hatchery fish and 32 percent decrease in wild fish over a 10-year average and over 200,000 less than the 2019 forecast.

*Not all forecasts are final.*

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2020 Puget Sound Salmon Forecasts: Coho and Chinook

**Chinook:**
About 256,800 Chinook are expected to return to the region, a dip of about 12,000 from last year’s prediction. Stillaguamish and mid-Hood Canal Chinook are likely to continue to restrict fisheries.

**Coho:**
Roughly 523,500 wild and hatchery coho are expected to return to Puget Sound this year, representing another decline from 2019 when 737,600 were predicted to return. Poor wild coho forecasts to the Snohomish and Skagit rivers will likely effect coho seasons for 2020.

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**Puget Sound Salmon Forecasts**
Relative to recent years, returns are:
- **Good**
- **Neutral**
- **Poor**

Wild Coho  Wild Chinook

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**Puget Sound hatchery vs. wild chinook recent returns and forecasts**

**Puget Sound hatchery vs. wild coho recent returns and forecasts**

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